Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—These people have been working for a long time. It is desirable to have a continuity of policy and keep them so long as under the existing rules they are able to do their duties efficiently. It is only in that sense that I mean it.

Recommendations made by the Kole Committee.

214. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what action they have taken on the recommendations made by the Kole Committee appointed by the Government in the year 1095—96;

(b) have the Government received complaints of the failure of the kole cultivation after 1095—96;

(c) are the Government aware that unsuccessful kole cultivation is one of the main causes for the economic helplessness of the inhabitants of the kole area in the State;

(d) considering the importance and magnitude of kole cultivation, will the Government be pleased to give immediate effect to the remedial measures suggested by the Kole Committee in their report of 1095—96?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) The Hon'ble Member is referred to the answer to Question No. 457, dated 26th March 1931.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, to some extent.

(d) Please see answer to (a) above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, the purport of the answer under reference?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Hon'ble Member will refer to the answer published in the proceedings.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Hon'ble Member is not in a position to give us some idea about it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I can only request the Hon'ble Member to refer to the printed proceedings.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That I can do without your advice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How can we refer to it? The answer is given only to-day.

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Mr. President.—It is a well established practice that when a question has been previously answered, Government only refer to that answer.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—That answer was given in 1931 and we are in 1936. Has the Government made any further progress?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are now making some practical investigations in the matter of diverting the Chalakudi river.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—What practical investigation?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Arrangements are being made with the Travancore Government to have a general sketch, with a view to see how much water we will be entitled to.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.— So, it is only in the stage of division?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—I understand from the Travancore Government that the contract has been given for the work.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.— Do Government contemplate any difficulty in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— No, not at the present moment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— How much time are they likely to take for the fruition of the completion of the scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I am not in a position to answer that question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the approximate time by which we will be able to begin the negotiations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not possible for me to hazard an answer to that question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Will it be possible in two years' time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— I must repeat the same answer.

Construction of sluices in the bunds connecting the Nedungad Bridge.

215. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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